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FOR: METHODS FOR OBTAINING THERMOSTABLE ENZYMES, DNA POLYMERASE I VARIANTS FROM THERMUS AQUATICUS HAVING NEW CATALYTIC ACTIVITIES, METHODS FOR OBTAINING THE SAME, AND APPLICATIONS TO THE SAME

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 03, 2009, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-18, 65, 66 (drawn to a polynucleotide) for examination.

Applicants also provisionally elect the following species, for examination purposes only, (1) polynucleotide sequences encoding for polypeptides having 80% identity to residues 13-555 of SEQ ID No:26, wherein said polypeptide has at least one mutation, at position **W550** (position 827 of the Taq polymerase wild-type) (at least claims 1-18, 65 and 66 readable thereon); and (1) polynucleotide SEQ ID No:21 (at least claims 1-18, 65 and 66 readable thereon).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.